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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 223  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Barry Sutton on his  
induction into the Southern Golden Gloves Hall  
of Fame.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable Tennesseans who, through their extraordinary talents and abilities, have achieved recognition and acclaim and, thus, contributed to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Barry Sutton is one such laudable person who was recently inducted into the Southern Golden Gloves Hall of Fame in a special ceremony at the Golden Gloves Colosseum in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, As a former 147-pound Golden Gloves champion and a Golden Gloves referee for eighteen years, Mr. Sutton was commended for his numerous accomplishments and for being "an outstanding fighter both inside and outside the ring"; and

WHEREAS, His record as a boxer includes an undefeated career as a professional with ten wins, while as an amateur he posted a stunning record of 108 wins against only seven losses; and

WHEREAS, Listed among Barry's honors and accomplishments in the sport of boxing are the titles of Mid-State Champion, 1938; Memphis Southeastern AAU Champion, 1938; Mid-State Runner-Up, 1939; Mid-State Runner-Up, 1940; and Memphis Southeastern AAU Champion, 1941; and

WHEREAS, From 1943-46, Barry Sutton was the Carthage Golden Gloves team coach; as a coach, he led his teams to three Mid-State titles, one Southern Golden Gloves title, and the rank of Number One Amateur Boxing Team in the United States, according to *Ring Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of the United States Navy, Mr. Sutton spent most of his professional life as an educator and public education administrator, serving as the principal of Lebanon High School from 1967 until his retirement in 1980; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Defeated community in Smith County, Barry Sutton graduated from Cumberland University, where as a college student, he coached and fought competitively;

WHEREAS, As one of the people who nominated Mr. Sutton noted, "his life has been based on a personal commitment to serve others. From his early days of service with the U.S. Navy through the years he spent as a classroom teacher, coach and school administrator, he has been a sound and significant influence on others. He has instilled in youth the importance of self-respect, self-discipline and a strong work ethic. Through his own example, he has exposed youth and others to the many values and virtues gained from his association with the sport of boxing. He is now and has been all of his life a respected leader in the community, in his church and certainly among his professional peers"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Barry Sutton on his induction into the Southern

Golden Gloves Hall of Fame and his years of service to the youth of Wilson County, and we thank him for being a sterling example of a true Tennessean.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.